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8	Monday, April 2, 2018	
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11	Council Chambers	
12	Scranton City Hall	
13	340 North Washington Avenue	
14	Scranton, Pennsylvania	
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CITY OF SCRANTON COUNCIL:

4 PATRICK ROGAN, PRESIDENT

TIM PERRY, VICE PRESIDENT

WAYNE EVANS

WILLIAM GAUGHAN

KYLE DONAHUE

LORI REED, CITY CLERK

KATHY CARRERA, ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

JOSEPH COLBASSANI, ESQUIRE - SOLICITOR

1 (Pledge of Allegiance recited and moment of reflection observed.) 2 3 MR. ROGAN: Roll call, please. 4 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Perry. 5 MR. PERRY: Here. MS. CARRERA: Mr. Donahue. 6 MR. DONAHUE: 7 Here. 8 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans. 9 MR. EVANS: Here. 10 MR. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan. 11 MR. GAUGHAN: Here. 12 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan. 13 MR. ROGAN: Here. Dispense with the 14 reading of the minutes. MS. REED: THIRD ORDER. 3-A. AGENDA 15 FOR THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MEETING TO 16 BE HELD APRIL 11, 2018. 17 18 MR. ROGAN: Are there any comments? 19 If not, received and filed. Do any council 20 members have announcements at this time? 21 MR. EVANS: I have one. The third 22 annual "Buy Local Spring Fling Marketplace" 23 will take this Saturday, April 7 from 11 24 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Scranton Cultural 25 Center. The event will feature

approximately 75 vendors including some of the areas finest local businesses, artisans and wineries and span four floors of the Scranton Cultural Center. A free reusable shopping bag will be given to the first 1,000 patrons courtesy of FNCB Bank. There is a \$2 admission fee. Food and beverages will be available for purchase.

MR. ROGAN: I have one as well.

Just a reminder that refuse and red

container recycling will be one day behind

this week due to the Easter holiday. DPW

was off today, on day. Anyone else?

MS. REED: FOURTH ORDER. CITIZENS' PARTICIPATION.

(The following speakers offered public comment: Lee Morgan spoke on city business and matters of general concern.

Ron Ellman spoke on matters of general concern. Joan Hodowanitz spoke on agenda items and city business. Nadine Simms spoke on city business. Dave Dobrzyn spoke on matters of general concern.)

MS. REED: FIFTH ORDER. 5-A. Motions.

MR. ROGAN: Mr. Perry, do you have any motions or comments?

MR. PERRY: Just a few brief comments, I'm sure this is going to be included in our insurance policy, Mrs. Reed, if we could just find out for sure if the contents of the Serrenti building is covered under city insurance, you know. I can't remember seeing that report, it was so long ago just since it was brought up it would give us all peace of mind just to make sure our ducks are in a row when it comes to that.

The only other thing I have today is on our agenda 5-C and 5-D there is going to be a motion, I'll be for it, it's going to be to table some legislation for traffic patterns for the new Sheetz building that's going to be potentially by Linden and Seventh. We had some talk about it in caucus, I'm sure some of my other councilmen will bring it up. It's the only legislation we are going to get for this project is going to be for the traffic signals and it's an immense project that has a lot of minutia

to it and we are just going to -- well, I'm going to be for tabling this legislation just to give us time to hear from PennDOT city planner, city engineer and Sheetz if they would like to input as well. Once we get our full in-depth coverage on that we can put that back on the table and go ahead with that in full force with having the knowledge of what the actual project entails. With that, I'll save all my other comments for agenda items.

MR. ROGAN: Thank you, Mr. Perry.
Mr. Donahue, do you have any motions or
comment?

 $\label{eq:mr.def} \mbox{MR. DONAHUE:} \quad \mbox{I have nothing at this} \\ \mbox{time.} \quad \mbox{Thank you.}$

MR. ROGAN: Thank you. Mr. Evans, any motions or comments.

MR. EVANS: Just a few. I was going to talk about reassessment, but Mr. Ellman was so nice to me tonight I'll pass on that and I'll pick it up next time. Mrs.

Schumacher has been requesting for awhile to know what the bond rating is. It's BB plus, which is on grade below best grade, so if

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you see her and want to pass that onto her I'd appreciate it. Also, I'd like to talk briefly about an update on the idea sessions we had held at city council chambers. Work is in progress on several of the ideas and comments that were shared that evening. example, the idea of bringing back a guide to do business in Scranton. We received a commitment from the Small Business Development Center to work with us on this project and pursuing that. We also identified a potential funding source if required for printing of a new guide. The committee also suggested that signs be erected with a large "P" indicating the location of the parking garages in the city on streets leading up to the garages. This is something that is done in many other cities, so I had a conversation with NDC and ABM and they are looking into it. them know that council would support any legislation that was necessary to make that happen.

Also, a simplified approach to permits for some of our large events like

the holiday markets and holiday square.

This is, again, a process with discussion with the city solicitor that is in process and we hope to have something relative to that hopefully soon.

There was also a common theme during this idea session and other conversations with small business owners and property owners and taxpayers that how do we make reporting issues in the City of Scranton an easier and more friendly and responsive process, so to address that city council will be engaging in having a Power Point presentation over the next month or two with a company called See, Click, Fix.

Essentially it works like this, the consumer, who is the citizen or the taxpayer or the business owner, has an app on their phone. They see an issue like a pothole or graffiti or even a couch on someone's front porch, they can snap a picture, send it via the app to a city employee who is then becomes a point person who routes the request to the appropriate department or employee. The citizen is now told his

report is received and is kept via text or e-mail as the request works its way into its proper conclusion. And the links are also maintained on each and every report so the administration and city council can see that the reports are being acknowledged and when they are being resolved and how long it has taken to close out that particular issue.

So this is something I view as not only transparent, but engaged and efficient government. As an idea, I think that's a concept that we should all embrace for our city. The presentation will be expected to happen in a public caucus, and mostly likely in the Governor's Room because it's easier to set up a large scene that we can see the full presentation and more people have the opportunity to view it as well, so when that happens we'll update and I'll let everybody know through an announcement at one our future council meetings. And that's all I have for tonight.

MR. ROGAN: Thank you, Mr. Evans.
Mr. Gaughan, any motions or comments?

MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, I do. Thank you.

We received a complaint -- or I received a complaint a few weeks ago about truck traffic on North Main Avenue turning onto Oram Street and then there is all sorts of issues going on so I'm going to ask that we did get a memo from the city engineer, but I'm going to ask that we refer this matter to PennDOT and ask them to increase the signage along Main Avenue because trucks are making the wrong turn and they are damaging people's yards.

City engineer John Pocius will be in our caucus next week, April 9, to give you an update on several projects that will be occurring throughout the city.

I received a letter from a gentlemen in 300 block of Ferdinand Street about a property that is in disrepair so we are going to forward to the Licensing and Inspections Department.

I brought this up in caucus, our office has sent several letters now to the Civil Service Commission, the chairmen, Mr. Jeff Mackey, and we sent one to their solicitor asking for an update on the rules

and regulations of the Civil Service

Commission, the last copy that our office
had received was May 25, 1999, and we have
not received any response yet and I had some
other questions for the Civil Service

Commission, so if we can send another letter
out to this commission and I am going to put
-- I guess I have to put in a Right-to-Know
request because it's very difficult to get
information.

Authority I asked back in February and
January if the Scranton Sewer Authority had
performed their audit yet back in June of
2017. The accounting firm Rainey & Rainey
was hired for audit prep services so I
wanted to know if the audit had been
completed yet and if so I requested a copy
again, no surprise there no response, so
I'll be doing a Right-to-Know and send
another correspondence on that.

Also, I mentioned this I think the last four years and I don't know if anybody is listening, but the street sweeper that goes throughout the city, I would like again

to request the administration to take into account a better way of communicating with the residents that the street sweeper is coming to their neighborhood. The problem is that the street sweeper does a great job, but the people do not know to move their cars off the street so, therefore, the street is not properly cleaned. So, again, I will ask that we send correspondence to the mayor and to the DPW director asking them to come up with a way. I've given them several recommendations of my own to let people know when the street sweeper is coming through their neighborhood.

I have also received a few complaints about the deterioration of East Mountain Road, so we'll send correspondence to the DPW on that, and then there are also several catch basins, particularly in the area of Yesu Lane as it meets East Mountain Road that are totally covered and residents are concerned about that.

And that's all I have for this week. Thank you.

MR. ROGAN: Thank you. Just a

couple of items following up on some citizens questions. Regarding reassessment, it was brought up again and think I addressed it two weeks ago, but city council is committed to seeing this through. I can't speak for the mayor, you would have to ask him as far as what the administration thinks on the issue, but this is not going on the back burner. One way or the other, you know, we are going to have some resolution to this within this year.

Secondly, a resident brought up non-lethal weapons in school, something I would completely support. I think it would make sense to present that to the school board where they may a little more, you know, a little more say in those type of issues than we would, but my wife is a teacher and, you know, that is something that I think would make sense making sure our teachers and children are safe.

Next, DPW, I want to thank Larry

Wynn and Tim Gilroy, who is on dispatch, for helping with a couple of issues with the DPW over the week.

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And, finally, I know Councilman

Perry mentioned it, you know, last week what

it was announced that Sheetz was coming to

the area I think a lot of people were -
myself included, were initially pretty

happy, then when I found out the location

and started hearing from residents,

particularly in West Side and those who have

children at Scranton High, the location I

have some concerns.

Anyone that lives in West Scranton or travels from West Scranton knows how backed up that intersection gets currently. Adding a gas station there with a drivethrough and adding some signalization, my fear is that it's not only going to effect that intersection, but it's going to push it back to the U-Haul down to the car wash and other way towards the Glider Diner as well. So as was mentioned, city council will introduce the legislation and table it. We hope to have a representative from PennDOT come in. I know a study was already conducted regarding this intersection, so we would like to hear more plain language what

their study produced. I know it was very lengthy so we would like to talk to them about how they achieve the results of their study, and also I'd like to hear from a representative from Sheetz. It's their project, I would like to hear how they would, you know, deal with different issues as they arise.

Like I said, I don't have a problem, I'm for them coming to Scranton, I'm just a little bit concerned about that location because it is an already very busy location right by the school and adding, you know --multiply the traffic by however many times with it being a gas station I think is going to make the traffic situation for those going into West Side or going to Scranton High School even worse, so more to come on that in the coming weeks. That is all.

MS. REED: 5-B. FOR INTRODUCTION —
AN ORDINANCE - ESTABLISHING A "NO PARKING
ZONE" ALONG THE WEST SIDE OF WYOMING AVENUE
(SR 3025) FROM A POINT 175 FEET SOUTH OF THE
INTERSECTION WITH EAST GIBSON STREET TO A
POINT 325 FEET SOUTH OF THE INTERSECTION

1	WITH EAST GIBSON STREET TO ALLOW FOR
2	DRIVEWAY SIGHT DISTANCE PURPOSES AS SHOWN ON
3	THE ATTACHED HIGHWAY OCCUPANCY PERMIT FOR
4	THE PENNSYLVANIA NORTHEAST REGIONAL RAILROAD
5	AUTHORITY (PNRRA).
6	MR. ROGAN: At this time, I'll
7	entertain a motion that Item 5-B be
8	introduced into its proper committee.
9	MR. PERRY: So moved.
10	MR. EVANS: Second.
11	MR. ROGAN: On the question? All
12	those in favor of introduction signify by
13	saying aye.
14	MR. PERRY: Aye.
15	MR. DONAHUE: Aye.
16	MR. EVANS: Aye.
17	MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.
18	MR. ROGAN: Aye. Opposed? The ayes
19	have it and so moved.
20	MS. REED: 5-C. FOR INTRODUCTION -
21	A RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF
22	THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS OF THE CITY
23	OF SCRANTON TO SIGN AND SUBMIT THE
24	PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
25	("PENNDOT") APPLICATION FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL

APPROVAL FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL PERMIT NO. 40115 1 TO UPGRADE TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT SEVENTH AVENUE 2 3 (SR 3029) AND WEST LINDEN STREET (SR 3020). MR. ROGAN: At this time, I'll 4 5 entertain a motion that Item 5-C be introduced into its proper committee. 6 So moved. 7 MR. PERRY: 8 MR. EVANS: Second. 9 MR. ROGAN: On the question? A11 10 those in favor of introduction signify by 11 saying aye. 12 MR. PERRY: Aye. 13 MR. DONAHUE: Aye. 14 MR. EVANS: Aye. 15 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye. 16 MR. ROGAN: Aye. Opposed? The ayes 17 have it and so moved. 18 MS. REED: 5-D. FOR INTRODUCTION -A RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF 19 THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS OF THE CITY 20 21 OF SCRANTON TO SIGN AND SUBMIT THE 22 PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION 23 ("PENNDOT") APPLICATION FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL 24 APPROVAL FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL PERMIT NO. 40308 25 TO UPGRADE TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT WEST LINDEN

STREET (SR 3020) AND NORTH EIGHTH 1 AVENUE/MOUNT PLEASANT DRIVE. 2 3 MR. ROGAN: At this time, I'll 4 entertain a motion that Item 5-D be 5 introduced into its proper committee. MR. PERRY: So moved. 6 MR. EVANS: Second. 7 8 MR. ROGAN: On the question? A11 9 those in favor of introduction signify by 10 saying aye. 11 MR. PERRY: Aye. 12 MR. DONAHUE: Aye. 13 MR. EVANS: Aye. 14 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye. 15 MR. ROGAN: Aye. Opposed? The ayes 16 have it and so moved. 17 MR. EVANS: I would like to make a 18 motion to table Items 5-C and 5-D. 19 MR. DONAHUE: Second. 20 MR. ROGAN: There's a motion on the 21 floor and a second to table Items 5-C and 22 5-D, on the question? 23 MR. EVANS: On the question, my 24 major concern with this and, again, we'll 25 have some time to talk with PennDOT about it

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and anybody else that wants to come in and talk about it, is did they give the upmost consideration to pedestrian safety. Traffic studies generally put the heaviest emphasis on moving cars safely, but they rarely look at house safe is it for the pedestrians to cross that intersection, so that's my biggest concern and they are the type of questions I will be asking when we get a chance to talk some officials.

MR. GAUGHAN: On the question, I agree with everything that's been said, and just from my own experience trying to get near that area when school is in is an absolute nightmare, and I'm assuming that this project will make that even worse than it already is so, again, I share the safety concerns of my colleagues. Thank you.

MR. ROGAN: Any else? All those in favor of tabling this signify by saying aye?

MR. PERRY: Aye.

MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

MR. EVANS: Aye.

MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

MR. ROGAN: Aye. Opposed? The ayes

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have it and so moved.

MS. REED: 5-E. FOR INTRODUCTION —
A RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND
OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE
AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH PETERS DESIGN
GROUP, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECTURAL
AND ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE SERRENTI
MEMORIAL ARMY RESERVE CENTER RENOVATION
PROJECT.

MR. ROGAN: At this time, I'll entertain a motion that Item 5-E be introduced into its proper committee.

MR. PERRY: So moved.

MR. EVANS: Second.

MR. ROGAN: On the question?

MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, on the question, we discussed this in caucus, this project in it's entirety, I've thought this from the very beginning, I don't believe that we should -- I didn't believe that she have moved forward with this project. I don't believe that we should add maintenance costs to our budget, which is what is going to happen in my opinion, especially a community that is in Act 47 and that may very well be

leaving Act 47. We may have problems just sustaining on our own, never mind adding additional stress and lighting costs and heating and cooling and maintaining that building so there are concerns there.

My other concern after looking at the contract with Peters design group is it seems to me that it is very vague and open ended. The fee schedule that was included in the backup says that it's going to be negotiable based upon ECC of the project and they will negotiate this fee based on extent of services required and then they give different percentages for some of the work that they plan on doing.

I pulled the other bids that came in and some of them have lump sums, some of them have percentages, but we need more -- or I need more clarification on this I think before we can move forward, so I did ask that the city solicitor and the business administrator, whoever comes in and explains this.

The other concern that I have is that in the backup there was several

questions that were posed by the bidders to the city, one of them was that they wanted to see the overall -- what the city's budget was for the project and the city said that no budget will be disclosed at this time and then there were other additional questions there.

So, again, I think what I wouldn't want to see this firm get a contract and then something happen and we end up paying much more than we should have. I would rather see a flat fee and not leave this so open-ended and so vague so I'll vote for this tonight. I'm not going to vote for this because I don't agree with the project on it's face, but I do think we need answers to these questions that I posed tonight. Thank you.

MR. ROGAN: Anyone else on the question?

MR. PERRY: Yes, on the question.

Councilman Gaughan and I, you know, we fall on different sides of the issue when it comes to the Serrenti building. I was always for this acquisition, but as far as

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the questions being raised about 5-E, you know, I agree with most of those. I think it would be a good idea to get an explanation on some of the questions that you brought up. You know, this was brought up in caucus and I think this would just help going forward to make sure that we were told that monies spent on Serrenti building would come straight from grants and there have been -- I know the Department, the Police Department has been working hard to allocate these grants, I just want to make sure that it doesn't really state the language on 5-E that we are holding to that, so, you know, I agree that this could use some more explanation.

MR. ROGAN: Just to reiterate, this was discussed in caucus and we are going to have the -- invite the city solicitor to our caucus next week to discuss this legislation, and I know we have discussed this at length, but this building is going to help increase public safety in the City of Scranton and especially the Hill section, so it's definitely something that -- it's a

1 very deserving project but the questions regarding the specific legislation we will 2 3 have answered prior to the final vote. 4 All those in favor signify by saying 5 aye. MR. PERRY: Aye. 6 7 MR. DONAHUE: Aye. 8 MR. EVANS: Aye. 9 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye. 10 MR. ROGAN: Aye. Opposed? The ayes 11 have it and so moved. 12 MS. REED: SIXTH ORDER. 6 - A . READING BY TITLE - FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 13 14 10, 2018 - AN ORDINANCE - CREATING AND ESTABLISHING SPECIAL CITY ACCOUNT NO. 15 16 02.229628 ENTITLED "ARLE NORTH MAIN & 17 PARKER" FOR THE RECEIPT OF GRANT FUNDS FROM 18 THE AUTOMATED RED LIGHT TRANSPORTATION 19 ENHANCEMENT GRANT (ARLE) PROGRAM IN ORDER TO 20 PROVIDE FUNDING FOR A TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT THE 21 INTERSECTION OF NORTH MAIN AVENUE AND PARKER STREET. 22 23 MR. ROGAN: You've heard reading by 24 title of Item 6-A, what is your pleasure?

MR. PERRY:

I move that Item 6-A

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1 pass reading by title. MR. EVANS: Second. 2 3 MR. ROGAN: On the question? A11 those in favor signify by saying aye. 4 5 MR. PERRY: Aye. MR. DONAHUE: Aye. 6 7 MR. EVANS: Aye. 8 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye. 9 MR. ROGAN: Aye. Opposed? The ayes have it and so moved. 10 MS. REED: SEVENTH ORDER. 11 7 - A . FOR 12 CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY 13 DEVELOPMENT - FOR ADOPTION - RESOLUTION NO. 14 28, 2018 - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS FOR THE CITY OF 15 16 SCRANTON TO ENTER INTO A LOAN TO GRANT 17 AGREEMENT AND MAKE A LOAN/GRANT FROM THE 18 CITY OF SCRANTON'S BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY 19 LOAN TO GRANT PROGRAM, PROJECT NO. 150.43 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$30,000.00 TO JED 20 21 POOL TOOLS, INC. TO ASSIST AN ELIGIBLE PROJECT. 22 23 MR. ROGAN: What is the 24 recommendation for the Chair for the 25 Committee on Community Development?

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1	MR. DONAHUE: As Chairperson for the
2	Committee on Community Development, I
3	recommend final passage of Item 7-A.
4	MR. EVANS: Second.
5	MR. ROGAN: On the question? Roll
6	call, please?
7	MS. CARRERA: Mr. Perry.
8	MR. PERRY: Yes.
9	MS. CARRERA: Mr. Donahue.
10	MR. DONAHUE: Yes.
11	MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans.
12	MR. EVANS: Yes.
13	MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.
14	MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.
15	MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.
16	MR. ROGAN: Yes. I hereby declare
17	Item 7-A legally and lawfully adopted.
18	MS. REED: 7-B. FOR CONSIDERATION
19	BY THE COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT -
20	FOR ADOPTION - RESOLUTION NO. 29, 2018 -
21	ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE
22	HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURE REVIEW BOARD
23	("HARB") AND APPROVING THE CERTIFICATE OF
24	APPROPRIATENESS FOR GLOBAL ENERGY SERVICES,
25	20 WEST AYLESBURY ROAD, TIMONIUM, MARYLAND,

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1	21093, FOR REPLACEMENT OF ALL SINGLE PANE
2	WINDOWS WITH NEW DOUBLE PANE ENERGY
3	EFFICIENT COMPOSITE WOOD HUNG WINDOWS
4	CONSISTENT WITH EXISTING WINDOWS; NO BRICK
5	WORK NECESSARY, SITUATED AT THE SCRANTON
6	SCHOOL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 425
7	NORTH WASHINGTON AVENUE, SCRANTON, PA 18503.
8	MR. ROGAN: What is the
9	recommendation for the Chair for the
10	Committee on Community Development?
11	MR. DONAHUE: As Chairperson for the
12	Committee on Community Development, I
13	recommend final passage of Item 7-B.
14	MR. EVANS: Second.
15	MR. ROGAN: On the question? Roll
16	call, please?
17	MS. CARRERA: Mr. Perry.
18	MR. PERRY: Yes.
19	MS. CARRERA: Mr. Donahue.
20	MR. DONAHUE: Yes.
21	MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans.
22	MR. EVANS: Yes.
23	MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.
24	MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.
25	MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

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1	MR. ROGAN: Yes. I hereby declare	
2	Item 7-B legally and lawfully adopted.	
3	If there is no further business,	
4	I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.	
5	MR. PERRY: Motion to adjourn.	
6	MR. ROGAN: Meeting adjourned.	
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I hereby certify that the proceedings and evidence are contained fully and accurately in the notes of testimony taken by me at the hearing of the above-captioned matter and that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of the same to the best of my ability.

CATHENE S. NARDOZZI, RPR OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER